### THE ISLAND OF THE STAIRS

Strange and Wonderful Adven- 1 tures of Master John Hampdon, Seaman, and Mistress Lucy 1 Wilberforce, Gentlewoman, In 1 the Great South Seas.

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<del>\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$</del> dis a man to be condemned beyond pardon who has served you truly because he snatches a kiss in a moment of madness and forgets ft when your life and honor tremble in the bal-

"I do not think even you could forget that ever," she said, and I could not fathom exactly her purpose in that

Did she not want me to forget it? Or would she have me remember it? But this seemed like triffing. I turned away bitterly, but she caught me by the arm instantly,

What are you about to do?" she began, "Don't abandon me now. I believe in you. I see now why you did it. It was to save me and belo me. What would I do, what could I do without you? I am"- she hesitated; it was bard for her proud spirit-"I am sorry." she finished.

"Say no more," I answered, looking Sown at the little band on my sleeve.

POTOTO SOCIETY OF THE WORLD OF ouch "No barm shall come to you save over my dead body, and that is not enough for me to promise. I mean extricate you from this petil."

"But is it possible?"

"I think so; I pray so," "You are one against so many." "I have one ally in the ship, you orget," said I, smiling at her, relieved and thankful to see her in her right nind again and awake to the truth and my real feeling toward her. "And that is"-

"Yourself." "A feeble helper," she rejoined, miling in turn.

"We shall see." "And will you forgive me for havor misjudged you?" she asked plead-

"Gindly." "My hand on it, then," she said,

olding out her little palm which I wallowed up in my large one on the astant, standing silent as usual, holdig it the while. "And are you not sorry that you-

on-kissed me?" she faltered at last. "No," I answered bluntly enoughng a plain man I have always felt pelled to tell the truth-except, done when her interests were at take-"I am not sorry." But as she wiftly tried to draw her hand away added, "I promise you I won't do it unin, and you will forgive me, I Meanwhile we have much to We may be interrupted any time and we had best get at it."

I released her hand and she faced me almiy enough. "You don't know how much safer I feel when I have you to depend upon,"

How my heart leaped at that assurince and I saw that she had indeed forgiven me.

"I shall leave everything to you, Maser Hampdon," she continued. "Do you tell me what to do, and I will do it." "I know you will. I could not ask a hraver, better second," I answered

At that moment I heard a step on the ndder. Somebody was coming. Quick is a flash I realized the part we had to play in public. I balled my fist and

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struck the builthead savagely. I sur pose I must have changed my expression as well, for in her surprise she

again, louder, louder, "What do you mean?" she asked in specomprehensible amazement, in this crisis my wits working quicker than

"There is somebody outside. We have a part to play. I am abusing you and you are fighting." I whispered swiftly Then louder, fairly shouting at her in deed, I cried, "Down on your kneesweach. You will find that you have

met your master now." I made some sound of scuffle and she did indeed scream loudly. In the midst of the commotion the door was tried. but fortunately I had turned the key. "Who's there?" I shouted, and to my

ady whispered. "Beg for help!" Entering into the spirit of the game and smiling at me, since there was none but I to see, albeit she infused strange terror in her voice, so that 1 was amazed myself, she cried at the

top of her voice: "Help! Help! I in turn called londer yet: "Silence, woman!" and struck the

bulkhead again, Finally turning to the door I opened it a bit, and there stood one of the younger seamen.

What want you?" I began sternly d stormily. "I don't care to be disand stormily. turbed just now." "You are wanted on deck. It is just

dawn. Land has been sighted, and there's a heavy sea runnin'. Pimball an' Glibby want your counsel and advice what's to be done." "Good!" said I. "I will be with you

in a moment. Tell them I have yet a word or two to say to this woman The man turned on his heel, passed through the cabin and climbed the lad-

der to the deck, "Now," I said quickly, thrusting one of my pistols into my little mistress' hand, "we can talk no longer this time. I am going to do my best for you, and if I fall here is a weapon. You know what to do with it."

"Shall I use it on them?" "No, lass," I answered grimly, "on courself if it comes to the worst." "I understand," she said, paling

"Lock the door when I go out, and on no account open to any voice but

"I shall remember." Whimper and cower away whenever we are seen together.'

ing very straight, looking at me bravely, her eyes shining.

"And now goodby!" I turned away, but she caught me by the shoulder. She extended her hand rather high. I was not too dumb not to understand what she wanted, and so I bent and kissed it, and it was no light kiss of gallantry, but I pressed my lips passionately sgainst the little band.

"May God keep you," she said as I turned away, breathing the "Amen"

I dare not speak. I heard the key turn in the lock behind me, and with a heart full of misgivings in spite of my stern and resolute purpose, I came out on deck

> CHAPTER IX. We Plan to Escap From the Ship.

HAD no idea that it was morning already, the night had passed so quickly. The eastern sky was nirendy gray, and although the day bade fair to be an unpleasant one delivered; if made by registered mail, there was already light enough to distinguish land off to starboard. We the affidavit of the person by whom had run quite near it in the night. It the copy was mailed, stating when was still too gray to make out much and the post office to which it was more than the existence of the land mailed and this affidavit must be acitself, but I thought I saw beyond the henrest island others rising. At any rate, there it was where it ought to be, and I didn't make any doubt but that it was the island which we had been

seeking these weary months at sea. The whole crew was on deck 1 didn't see any signs of Captain Matthews' body, although I looked hastily about for it. I learned inter that they had tumbled him overboard without a prayer or word after they had knocked him on the head. Pimball, Glibby and one or two others of the older seamen were on the quarterdeck, the rest being strung along the leerall in the waist staring at the Island. Two hands were at the wheel. The ship was pitching and laboring heavily.

and it required two hands to hold her up to it During the night they had taken a second reef in the tops'is. A whole gale was now blowing. Everything above the tops'l yards had been furied of course. The Rose of Devon was a wet ship in a seaway, and she was

making heavy weather out of it. I noticed one thing with satisfaction. They had evidently not thought it worth while to break open the arms chest or to force the key from me. which they could easily have done. and none of them was armed.

"Well," I began, as I climbed over the batch combing and turned aft. "I sent for you. Hampdon," began Pimball insolently, and his failure to 'mister" me or to give me any title indicated our present relations, "because of that," and he pointed to the

leeward toward the Island. 'It looks like land," I said. "It is land. What land?" "How can I tell?" I answered. "I

have never been in these seas before." "Well, you took an observation yesterday, didn't you?" "Certainly."

"And where were we?" I named a latitude and longitude, exactly what I had worked out

raffians to know exactly where we were. He pulled out the chart as 1 spoke and compared its figures with "That's it," I whispered, "scream what I had given them. He could

rend figures if not letters. "At any rate," he said, after study ing over the map for a little time. "that is not far from the point we are

making for, is it?" "No," I admitted, "not very." "Do you think that can be it?"

"I can't tell for certain," I replied. 'until I get another shot at the sun. I should think the latitude about right, but as to the longitude"-"And you can't get no shot at the

sun until noon, can you?" unceremoni onsly put in Glibby, casting a long look to the eastward where the sky was thick and cloudy already. "I can't even get an observation then

unless we have clear weather." I answered. "There'll be no clear weather today, take it." sald nu old seamon standing

with the other two.

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